



Judge Russ Kendig

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Ohio
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DATE: January 3, 2008
TO: Attorneys
FROM: Judge Kendig
RE: Telephonic Participation at Pretrial Conferences

The following language is part of the standard form Initial Pretrial and Case Management Order served in adversary proceedings:

Counsel may appear at the initial pretrial conference telephonically unless directed otherwise by the court, but counsel must contact the judge's courtroom deputy or law clerk and provide a proper phone number at least two business days prior to the conference. The court initiates conference calls. The use of cellular telephones is prohibited. *Appearances following the initial pretrial conference are by personal appearance, except as modified by a subsequent order.*

You should inquire at each pretrial about telephonic appearances at subsequent pretrials. Otherwise, the default rule is for subsequent appearance to be in person, which may be avoidable.